Thus, a large data base can be created in the areas of Forestry, Hydrology, Geology and Agriculture for monitoring and for effective use of national natural resources and for the protection of environment.

(c) and (d) The ongoing projects/programmes are:—

— Design, fabrication and launching of the operational Remote Sensing Satellites.

— Design, fabrication and launching of the Stretched Rohini Satellite Series (SROSS) Satellite carrying scientific payloads.

— Design, development and fabrication of the Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV), capable of launching the SROSS satellite.

— Design, development and fabrication of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), capable of launching IRS class satellites.

— Operationalisation of the INSAT-I system, comprising the INSAT-IB, IC and ID spacecraft, using foreign procured satellites for sustaining national services for TV and Radio networking, direct broadcasting, telecommunications and meteorology.

— Design, development and fabrication of the first two test spacecraft of the second generation INSAT-II series of satellites which will replace INSAT-I satellites.

— Initiating the development of the Geostationary Launch Vehicle capable of launching INSAT class of satellites into Geo-stationary orbit; development of Cryogenic Engine and Stage will be taken up as a part of the GSLV Programme.

— Establishment of the National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS) using remote sensing data products for the efficient management of the country's natural resources.

Tenure of Chief Executives of Central Public Undertakings

1948. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the tenure fixed for the Chairman, Managing Directors and Directors of the Central Public Undertakings;

(b) whether any official of the above category is allowed to continue for more than five years on the past, if so, reasons therefor and the details of those officials and undertakings; and

(c) whether any officials tenure has been cut short, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per existing policy, Chief Executives and Functional Directors of Central Public Undertakings are given a tenure of 5 years or till the date of superannuation, whichever is earlier, on their appointment to such posts. In the case of part-time Chairman, the tenure varies from one year to three years.

(b) Chairman, Managing Directors and the other Functional Directors in Public Sector Undertakings can be allowed to continue for more than 5 years on the post held by them, keeping in view the age of their superannuation, their performance in the present assignment as well as the need for continuity at the top level in Central Public Enterprises. Continuance in the post, beyond a period

of 5 years, is considered on the basis of the recommendations of the PESU. As per available information, for a period of six months, ending on 30-4-88 the PESB had recommended extension in tenure for the following Board level appointees:—

(1) CMD, Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.

(2) MD, Sponge Iron India Ltd.

(3) CMD, Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd.

(4) Director (Finance), British India Corporation.

Continuance beyond tenure of 5 years in 2 out of the above mentioned 4 cases has since been cleared by the Government.

(c) Service of Chief Executives and Functional Directors in Public Sector Enterprises can be terminated before expiry of their term of appointment after following the prescribed procedure laid down for premature termination. According to the available information, tenure of the incumbents of the following posts has been curtailed after following the prescribed procedure in the recent past:—

(i) CMD, Cotton Corpn. of India.

(ii) Director (Personnel), Oil India Limited.

Amount spent on election in Negaland

1949. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent statement made by the Ex. Chief Minister of Nagaland to the effect that Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 crores were spent on the recent Election in Nagaland; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any legal step to minimise the influence of money in the election process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Government have seen a news item to such effect.

(b) The existing election laws and the notified statutory Rules contain suitable provisions in this respect. The Election Commission has also suggested certain additional measures to strengthen the existing laws further. These suggestions are under consideration as part of the proposals for electoral reforms.

Work to ancillary industries by Defence Undertakings in Madhya Pradesh

1950. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation recently that Defence undertaking Madhya Pradesh do not provide work to the ancillary industries around them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to provide adequate work to the ancillary industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Sir, Representations have been received that adequate work is not being provided by the Ordnance Factories to industries around them. The Ordnance Factories buy components and materials of significant value from units in the civil sector. But the building of an ancillary relationship depends upon uniformly acceptable performance by civil sector units in which investment in plant and machinery is not to exceed Rs. 45 lakhs and which must yet meet the stringent requirements of quality specification and timely delivery conditions. Still the Vehicle Factory Jabalpur has developed ancillary relationship with 21 units and the ordnance Factory, Itarsi with 3 units.